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**Commissioner for Patents**

The reply brief filed August 3, 2009 has been considered and entered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

The terminal disclaimer filed on August 3, 2009 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the Patent Number 6,681,547 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Accordingly, the Double Patenting rejection, in the Examiner's Answer to Appeal Brief filed on June 9, 2009, is hereby withdrawn.

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